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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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November 17, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
REHABILITATION PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the revised plans and specifications for the Trancas Water Pollution Control Plant Rehabilitation Project, in the City of Malibu, at an estimated construction cost between \$3,500,000 and \$4,100,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on January 17, 2006.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds submitted by the contractor.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Trancas Water Pollution Control Plant was built in 1960, was rehabilitated in 1978, and has exceeded its rated useful life. The facility has experienced corrosion problems with its tanks and equipment due to many years exposed to the corrosive coastal environment. In March 2000, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted new Waste Discharge Requirements that established more stringent treatment and monitoring requirements and mandated the rehabilitation and upgrade of the facilities.

Delegation of authority to award and execute the contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the estimated construction cost will allow an expedited contracting process, so construction can begin as rapidly as possible.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since rehabilitating and upgrading wastewater treatment facilities protects public health and the environment, which improves the quality of life in the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$3,500,000 to \$4,100,000.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On November 18, 2003, your Board approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claim Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on County services during the performance of the recommended project. Sewage from residents served by the facility will not be interrupted during construction.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20392 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least ten consecutive times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in seven weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the replacement of an existing rotating, biological-contactors wastewater treatment system with an extended aeration system; demolition and removal of the existing wastewater treatment system; construction of reinforced concrete structures; furnishing and installation of electrical and mechanical equipment and a stand-by generator set; landscaping and irrigation; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. SMDGC40001, Trancas Water Pollution Control Plant Rehabilitation Project, in the City of Malibu.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$3,500,000 and \$4,100,000 and shall be completed in 180 working days. The Work requires a California Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Erik Updyke at (626) 458-4914. **Prebid questions will not be accepted after 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006.**

**A mandatory prebid meeting for this Contract will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at the Project site, Thomas Guide pages 627-A7 and 667-A1. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the Contract.**

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$18, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$20, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms

included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated November 29, 2005.

Violet Varona-Lukens  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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